AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

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In some embodiments a catch is constructed from a single piece of durable rigid material. In some embodiments the catch further includes features to provide a space under the catch to allow the bob to pass through an aperture in the catch. For example, in one ~~embodiments~~ embodiment four side panels and a top panel are provided. However, in alternate embodiments it may be possible to use three side panels or more than four side panels or include a bottom panel. The side panels may be permanent or removable.

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In other embodiments, the top panel includes a concave depression with the entry hole positioned or defined at the bottom of the depression. The concave depression may help guide the bob toward the entry hole. The concave depression also necessitates physical removal of the bob from the elongated slot by the user to prevent inadvertent removal of the bob from the catch while the portable lifting device is used to raise and lower the load.

Page 4, third full paragraph, lies 21-28:

In some embodiments, the bob has a cylindrical weighted body with a cylindrical shank extending centrally from one end; the shank being suitably sized to be received by the elongated slot. The body and shank should be constructed of material selected to have sufficient shear and tensile strength for this purpose, and should be sufficiently heavy to freely fall through the entry hole. The diameter of the cylindrical body is larger than the diameter of the shank, which defines an annular engaging shoulder about the shank. The annular engaging shoulder prevents passage of the cylindrical body through the elongated slot.

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Another aspect of the invention is that the invention may be used by a single person by attaching catches to several loads. The user simply pulls each load up, detaches the bob from the load, and lowers the bob for the next load. A single user can also use the apparatus of the

invention to lower loads. This may be done with the load on the ground and a single user on a roof, so that t he user can pull the tether back up to lower another load. For example, a user positioned on a roof can lower the object until the load or object has reached the ground. The user allows slack in the tether when the load is on the ground, such that the bob moves down the slot toward the entry hole. The bob can then be pulled out through the entry hole.

Pages 8 and 9, bridging paragraph; line 28 on page 8 to line 2 on page 9:

In the preferred embodiment, each side panel 60 ~~is~~ has a bottom edge 64, a first side edge 66 and a second side edge 68 of a second side panel when the side panels are vent vertically downward during the manufacturing process. The bottom edge 64 of each side panel may contact the cargo to be lifted, and holds the top panel 40 above the surface of the cargo so that the bob 30 has sufficient room to pass through the entry hole 52.

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A securing means 80 is used for attaching the catch 20 to the load to be moved. In the preferred embodiment, the securing means 80 is a pair of nylon straps; each nylon strap having a buckle 82 on one end. However, any means for securing the catch to the load may be used. In the preferred embodiment, each side panel 60 has an opening 70 near the bottom edge 64. The opening 70 allows the securing means 80 to pass freely through the side panel 60. In alternate embodiments, the means for securing the catch to the load ~~ma~~ may be firmly affixed to each side panel. In further embodiments, it may be desirable for the side panels to include a notch, hook or other feature to accept a means for securing the catch to the load.

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The invention can also be used to lower a load from an elevated height, and moving loads between two elevated positions and lifting multiple loads, will be obvious to one skilled in the art. Another aspect of the invention is the ability of the user to remotely disconnect the bob 30 from the catch 20 when the cargo is on a support surface such as the ground. To do this, the user allows slack in the tether 90 when the cargo is on the ground, such that the bob 30 slides along the slot 42 toward the entry hole 52, where the bob 30 is then pulled out through the entry hole 52.